pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia, to other countries namely, Syria, Iraq, Iran and Jordan. As the Haj Committee Act, 2002 has specifically been enacted to establish a Haj Committee of India and State Haj Committees for making arrangement for the pilgrimage of Muslims for Haj and matters connected therewith, the proposed amendments are beyond the ambit of the Act.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In terms of Section 45 of the Haj Committee Act, 2002, the Haj Committee of India has proposed Bye-laws covering a variety of issues, including powers and duties of Vice-Chairpersons; procedure regarding transaction of business at Haj Committee meetings; the membership, powers, functions and conduct of the Standing Committee meetings; membership, powers and functions of the sub-committees; publication of manuals; welfare of pilgrims; maintenance of records. These proposals are being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice.

Setting up of Bangladesh Mission in India

4539. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladesh Government has proposed to set up a Bangladesh Mission in the North Eastern Region of India to help boost up trade between India and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals made; and

(c) Government's response and reaction to this proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI *E.* AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Bangladesh has requested setting up a Trade Mission in Guwahati.

(c) Establishment of Trade Missions by foreign countries in North Eastern States is not covered within the ambit of current Government policy.

Bus service between Amritsar and Pakistan

4540. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the progress made so far in starting a regular bus service from Amritsar to Nankana Sahib in Pakistan?